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REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment subsequent to entry of the amendment filed December 17, 2004 and prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, upon entry of the above amendment, claims 1, 9, and 15 will have been amended.

Applicants note that the instant amendment has been prepared so that the claims are presented in better form. As originally filed, claim 1 recited, in line 8, "a data conductor formed on the semiconductor layer." Line 9 recited, "a passivation layer formed on the data conductor". In responding to the first and second office actions, line 8 was inadvertently typed as "a data conductor formed on the data conductor layer", and line 9 was inadvertently omitted. Claims 1 and 9 are presently amended to correct these errors and to provide proper antecedent basis. As amended, claims 1 and 9 now recite, in line 8, "a data conductor formed on the semiconductor layer", and in line 9, "a passivation layer formed on the data conductor."

Claim 15 is amended to provide proper antecedent basis.

For these reasons, Applicants note that the scope of the claims has not been narrowed for any reasons related to a basis of patentability, and, therefore, that no estoppel should attach. Entry of these amendments and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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